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**SPECIAL ADVANCE SCREENING OF  
“PIRATE RADIO” FOLLOWED BY CONVERSATION  
WITH WRITER/DIRECTOR RICHARD CURTIS TO  
BENEFIT NANTUCKET FILM FESTIVAL**

**FILM STARS PHILIP SEYMOUR HOFFMAN, BILL NIGHY,  
RHYS IFANS, NICK FROST, AND KENNETH BRANAGH**

October 26, 2009 (New York, NY) – The upcoming Focus Features release *Pirate Radio* will be part of a special advance screening to be followed by a conversation with writer/director Richard Curtis moderated by Vanity Fair Special Correspondent Maureen Orth and a cocktail reception to benefit the Nantucket Film Festival. The screening takes place Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Tribeca Grand Screening Room (2 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY). Tickets are \$150, and can be purchased via email at [pirateradio@nantucketfilmfestival.org](mailto:pirateradio@nantucketfilmfestival.org) or by calling 212.708.1278.

Starring Philip Seymour Hoffman, Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans, Nick Frost, and Kenneth Branagh, *Pirate Radio* is the newest ensemble comedy from filmmaker Richard Curtis (screenwriter of *Four Weddings and a Funeral* and *Notting Hill*, and writer/director of *Love Actually*), spinning the irreverent yet fact-based tale of a seafaring band of rogue rock and roll deejays whose “pirate radio” captivated and inspired 1960s Britain. Playing the music that rocked a nation and a decade, the group boldly and hilariously defies the government that tries to shut them down.

A Focus Features presentation in association with StudioCanal of a Working Title production. Starring Philip Seymour Hoffman, Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans, Nick Frost, and Kenneth Branagh. *Pirate Radio*. Music Supervisor, Nick Angel. Chief Make-up and Hair Designer, Christine Blundell. Casting by Fiona Weir. Costume Designer, Joanna Johnston. Editor, Emma E. Hickox, A.C.E. Production Designer, Mark Tildesley. Director of Photography, Danny Cohen, BSC. Associate Producer, Emma Freud. Co-Producer, Ronaldo Vasoncellos. Executive Producers, Richard Curtis, Debra Hayward, Liza Chasin. Produced by Tim Bevan, Eric Fellner, Hilary Bevan Jones. Written and Directed by Richard Curtis. A Focus Features Release.

The fifteenth annual Nantucket Film Festival takes place June 17-20, 2010. They are currently accepting submissions for next year’s lineup and for Showtime’s Tony Cox Award for Screenwriting. Submissions will be accepted through the official festival website ([www.nantucketfilmfestival.org](http://www.nantucketfilmfestival.org)) and at [withoutabox.com](http://withoutabox.com) beginning in January. The deadline for submissions is March 12.

Last year the NFF presented 40 feature and short films and honored screenwriter Harold Ramis. Celebratory guests included Ben Stiller, Meg Ryan, Brain Williams, Cheryl Hines, Fisher Stevens, Paul Giamatti, Peter & Bobby Farrelly, Lily Taylor, Chris Matthews, John Hamburg, Anne Meara, and many more. NFF Awards include Showtime’s Tony Cox Award for Screenwriting, Best Writer/Director Award, Best Screenwriting in a Feature Film and Short Film Audience Awards for Best Feature and Short Film Best Storytelling

in a Documentary Feature and the Teen View on NFF Short Film Award.

NFF was founded in 1996 to spotlight screenwriters, screenwriting and storytelling in today's cinema. Now in its fifteenth year, NFF has become a prestigious annual event within the international film industry. Screening feature-length and short films in all genres that highlight the art of storytelling, NFF is significant attraction that draws over ten thousand attendees, screenwriters, producers, agents and development executives each year.

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